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E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY ON DECEMBER 1, 1975

TAGS: OVIP (MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS), FR

SUBJECT: PS PRESS STATEMENT ON MITTERRAND TRIP: OTHER
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: PARIS 28811

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MITTERRAND, PS HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT. UNLESS EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT STRONGLY OBJECTS, PS PLANS TO RELEASE THIS STATEMENT AT NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12. TEXT, IN UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION, FOLLOWS: "FRANCOIS MITTERRAND WILL MAKE A PRIVATE TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES NOVEMBER 24-29. THE TRIP COMES AT THE INVITATION OF SEVERAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES INCLUDING AMHERST, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY. DURING THE TRIP, MR. MITTERRAND WILL GIVE SPEECHES AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (NEW YORK) AND AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN WASHINGTON. HE WILL MEET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, SENATORS MCGOVERN, KENNEDY AND HUMPHREY AND PROFESSOR JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH."

2. SINCE MITTERRAND HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THE TRIP IN THE COURSE OF A RADIO INTERVIEW (NOVEMBER 8), EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN, ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, CONFIRM MITTERRAND'S APPOINTMENT.

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3. PROGRAM CHANGES:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: EVENING APPEARANCE BEFORE
THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IS CANCELLED.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26: 1230 - SUBJECT OF
MITTERRAND'S SPEECH TO THE COUNCIL ON
FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL BE "THE FOREIGN
POLICY OF A UNITED LEFT GOVERNMENT".

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29: AF 010 ARRIVES IN PARIS
2210.

4. SECURITY: MITTERRAND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE THREATS AND RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
POSED REFTEL.
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